

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, America is a great Nation, but with all the challenges we face—protecting our homeland, repairing our broken infrastructure, taking care of our seniors, creating an economy that works for working people—extremist politicians continue to find time for their war on women.

When I was a police officer, I put away rapists, stalkers, and domestic abusers. Now, extremist politicians in Texas and my State of Florida are instead trying to empower those same criminals to sue victims if they get an abortion.

Let me be clear: No Florida woman needs to justify her healthcare decisions to anyone. It is our freedom to decide versus your attempts to control.

When I chose to start a family, I did not ask my Senator, my Congressman, nor my Governor for permission. Every woman has the right and the freedom to make her choice for herself and to do so based on her own personal, individual circumstances.

The Constitution is a stubborn thing. This week, we will preserve the constitutional protections of the 1973 decision in *Roe v. Wade*. I ask my colleagues to support women by voting for the Women's Health Protection Act.

#### HONORING THE OMAR FAMILY

(Mr. TIFFANY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Omar family.

On Labor Day, Kelly and Jay Omar ran out to pick up dinner for their family while their oldest child, Briar, looked after his four siblings.

It wasn't long after they left that the kids started smelling smoke. Briar and his sister Peyton began looking around and noticed that the playpen was on fire.

The 13-year-old immediately sprang into action, getting his four sisters, the youngest of whom is just 6 months old, out of the house.

After Briar got his sisters to safety, he went back into the house in hopes of putting out the flames with a nearby fire extinguisher, but the blaze had grown too large to contain. Smoke surrounded him, making it nearly impossible to breathe or see the way out. Luckily, their family dog, Mandy, nudged Briar before guiding him out of the house and back to safety.

Kelly and Jay Omar returned to find their house engulfed in flames but felt a sigh of relief as they counted each of their children outside and out of harm's way.

Although they are devastated by what they lost, they remain fortunate for what they still have.

Thank you for the heroic efforts of Briar to save his sisters.

#### ALLOW MEDICARE TO NEGOTIATE DRUG PRICES

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, for far too long, the pharmaceutical industry has dictated who in America has access to the medicines they need for their health and well-being and who doesn't, leaving millions of Americans in districts like mine to make impossible choices about their healthcare.

Already this year, drug companies have hiked the prices of 1,100 prescription drugs, more than 90 percent of which were above the rate of inflation. The largest single price hike for a prescription drug this month was nearly 16 percent, while inflation has risen slightly more than 2 percent.

Big Pharma's bottom line should never be more important than the health of my constituents in the Seventh District of Pennsylvania or the American people at large.

That is why I recently organized a letter signed by 14 of my colleagues, asking our leaders to allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices and include that language in the budget reconciliation bill currently being negotiated.

Here is the truth: Giving Medicare the power to negotiate would lower the cost of prescription drugs for hard-working families so that everyone has access to the medicines they need. It would also result in nearly half a trillion dollars in savings for taxpayers, money that we can invest in making healthcare more affordable for even more people.

#### WISHING BURDETT LOOMIS A SPEEDY RECOVERY

(Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that you all join me in wishing Burdett Loomis a speedy recovery.

You may not know Bird, unless you took a political science class at the University of Kansas anytime in the last 40 years, in which case he was probably your favorite professor. Or maybe you would know him from his decades as the KU Washington Semester coordinator, helping students gain real-world experience at various organizations and congressional offices here in D.C.

Regular followers of Kansas politics and government will, of course, know him for his insight, wit, and frequent interviews and columns in the local news.

He is an irreplaceable member of our community whose contributions are too numerous for me to list in my short time here. He has been a trusted friend and adviser to many Kansas officials over the years, and I am personally grateful for his guidance through-

out my time in Congress and his unconditional dedication to the State of Kansas and the well-being of its democracy.

Bird has a huge community wishing him well. From students to Senators and so many in between, we look forward to seeing you soon and are keeping you in our thoughts.

#### REMEMBERING LIVES LOST IN BOULDER, COLORADO, MASS SHOOTING

(Mr. NEGUSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, 6 months ago today, we experienced a tragedy in my community of Boulder, Colorado.

On a Monday afternoon in March, 10 lives were lost at our local King Soopers as a gunman opened fire on customers and employees.

Ten lives were taken far too soon—daughters, sons, neighbors, spouses, coworkers, community members, each of whom left a profound impact on our community.

While the national news may have moved on, for our community, for the families, friends, and neighbors, we are still grieving and still healing.

May we continue to remember them. May we lift up their families and friends in our prayers and in our thoughts.

In the words of Thomas Campbell: "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

Our community remains strong in the face of this senseless act of violence. In strength, in kindness, and in compassion, may we move forward.

#### HAITIAN REFUGEES HAVE RIGHT TO SEEK ASYLUM

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, for many of our residents, the images of the United States Customs and Border Patrol officers on horseback whipping Black Haitian immigrants at the border were triggering. It was traumatic. It was a reminder of our country's ugly history and its decades of mistreatment of Black folks.

What we all witnessed in Del Rio, Texas, was disgusting, not just because of the rogue, out-of-control CBP but also because the actions were a blatant betrayal of our human rights values.

Those brave Haitian refugees have a legal right to seek asylum in our country, like all who are fleeing violence and repression.

America is supposed to be a safe haven. Instead, Black asylum seekers at the border are being met with violence and deportation back to a crisis-stricken country.

All Black Haitians deserve to be treated with human dignity, and we must do better. Our failure to act